Thursday, February 23, 2007

Addendum #1

For

Request for Proposal for
Optical Fiber Services

Columbus, IN

The following are five (5) questions that were received by 4 PM EST on February 21, 2007.

Q1.   Can the deadline for questions be extended one week?
A1.   Project deadlines will not be extended at this time.

Q2.   Is the City's top priority revenue or a state-of-the-art broadband network?
A2.   The City's top priority is to ensure that Columbus residents, businesses and visitors have readily available access to reliable world class voice, video and data services at a reasonable price. While revenue from the use of the conduit is component of this project, it is not a primary driver.

Q3.   Will the City consider an alternative business model?
A3.   As long as the solution requirements are met according to RFP specifications and only if the solution requirements are met, Respondents may take the opportunity to propose an alternative or secondary solution for TAC consideration. If an alternative or secondary solution is proposed without first meeting all of the required solution guidelines, it will not be considered.

Q4.   Will the City of Columbus allow multiple carriers to occupy the same or adjacent conduit at any point within the network?
A4.   It is the expectation of Columbus for the Selected Respondent to manage the conduit infrastructure according to the terms set forth in the RFP. The Selected Respondent shall provide open access to optical fiber infrastructure (dark fiber or lit fiber services) to multiple unaffiliated service providers as a wholesale service. Additionally, the Selected Respondent, and any service provider affiliated with the Selected Respondent, may also provide retail-branded telecommunications services over the optical fiber.

Q5.   Does the solution provider have to use the City's conduit to provide fiber service to InfoTech Park?
A5.   Yes, it is required that the Selected Respondent utilize the City's conduit system to serve both the InfoTech Park and Greater Columbus. This conduit duct system will provide InfoTech Park tenants with multiple connectivity paths into and out of the park, offering the route redundancy that many businesses desire.